

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF
UNSECURED CREDITORS OF
ALLEGHENY HEALTH, EDUCATION
AND RESEARCH FOUNDATION,

Plaintiff,

V.

PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS, LLP,

Defendant.

Civil Action No. 00-684

Judge David Stewart Cercone

**APPENDIX TO THE COMMITTEE’S RESPONSE TO PwC’S STATEMENT OF
UNDISPUTED AND MATERIAL FACTS UNDER LOCAL RULE 56.1(C)(1)**

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5 ALLEGHENY HEALTH, EDUCATION :
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Defendants. :
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12 TRANSCRIPT of testimony as taken by and
13 before PATRICIA A. SANDS, a Shorthand Reporter
14 and Notary Public of the States of New York and New
15 Jersey, at the offices of CRAVATH, SWAINE & MOORE,
16 LLP, 825 Eighth Avenue, New York, New York on
17 Friday, January 9th, 2004, commencing at 9:08 in
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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 62</p> <p>1 the OMB 133 audit and questions that they might 2 have had from us about our work. 3 Q. Do you recall anything more about 4 the conversations at that meeting? 5 A. No, I'm sorry. 6 Q. Regardless of who spoke? 7 A. I'm sorry, it's just -- it's fuzzy. 8 Q. Do you recall anything, whether 9 fuzzy or not? 10 A. I'm sorry, no. 11 Q. Mr. Cepielik, can you tell me 12 generally the scope of the work that you performed 13 with respect to the A-133 project, which was the 14 project on which I think you've told us now that 15 you were engaged? 16 A. We were assigned to assist and complete the 17 OMB 133 audit procedures for 1997. 18 Q. OMB means "Office --" 19 A. "Office of Management and Budget." 20 Circular A-133. 21 Q. And you understood this to be your 22 charge or your task from Mr. Hope? 23 A. Yes. 24 Q. And were you given any particular 25 written or oral assignment in this connection,</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 64</p> <p>1 of AHERF to accumulate an audit, managements 2 conclusions regarding these issues. 3 Q. Did you also meet with -- I think I 4 know the answer to this from your testimony earlier 5 today -- members of the C&L engagement team for 6 fiscal years '97 and '96? 7 A. Yes. 8 Q. And I think you've told me that 9 those included Mr. Buettner, Ms. Frazier -- or 10 Mrs. Frazier, Mr. Kirstein, at least over the 11 phone. 12 Was there anyone else that you met 13 or spoke with from the engagement team? 14 A. The answer to your first question is yes, I 15 did meet with Mr. Buettner, Mrs. Frazier and 16 Mr. Kirstein. There may have been other people 17 that I spoke with tangentially that were involved, 18 but it wasn't necessarily a detailed substantive 19 discussion. 20 Q. Can you remember the names of anyone 21 else that you spoke with? 22 A. No. 23 Q. When you say you met with AHERF 24 representatives, I understand from your prior 25 testimony that you met with Mr. Cancelmi,</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 63</p> <p>1 other than to do work that you already knew how to 2 do from your prior audit experience? 3 A. Yes, there were four issues that we had to 4 look at in connection with the 133 audit procedure. 5 Q. And those were, what? 6 A. Those four issues were: 7 One, accounting for the movement 8 of certain reserves among entities within the AHERF 9 family of companies. 10 Two, classification of assets whose 11 use is limited. 12 Q. Okay. 13 A. Three, classification of transactions 14 surrounding the Lockhart Trust. 15 Q. All right. 16 A. And four, questions around something called 17 the Execu-flex benefit plan. 18 Q. So these were the focuses or foci, 19 the things on which you were focusing as a part of 20 your OMB circular A-133 work? 21 A. Yes, yeah. 22 Q. What kind of work was performed by 23 you in this connection? 24 A. I met with -- I was briefed on the issues. 25 And the team and I met with various representatives</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 65</p> <p>1 Ms. Schaffer, Mr. Adamczak, Mr. Snow, and perhaps 2 others from his department, patient financial 3 services group? 4 A. Yes. 5 Q. Can you recall -- did you meet with 6 those folks that I just mentioned? 7 A. Yes. 8 Q. At least those I mentioned by name? 9 A. Yes. 10 Q. Did you meet with anyone else, the 11 name of whom you can recall today, from AHERF? 12 A. Yes, read me the -- 13 Q. The list we have is: Cancelmi? 14 A. Uh huh. 15 Q. Schaffer, Snow and some of his 16 colleagues? 17 A. Yes. 18 Q. And Adamczak? 19 A. Yes. 20 Q. Did you meet with anyone else from 21 AHERF other than Dan Cancelmi, Robin Schaffer, Greg 22 Snow, or Al Adamczak? 23 A. Yes. 24 Q. Who else? 25 A. There was another representative of AHERF</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 66</p> <p>1 that was a financial officer of the company, the 2 name is eluding me right now. As soon as you say 3 it I'm going to zero in on it. Sorry, I just have 4 a memory slip on that one. 5 Q. Do you recall whether this person 6 was male or female? 7 A. Male. 8 Q. And do you recall what his title was 9 or position? 10 A. He was a finance officer. Again, I'm 11 sorry, it's just, it's slipping me. As soon as you 12 say the name, I'm going to say, yes that's it. 13 Q. Well, it's obviously slipping me, 14 too. So we will go through your notes and it may 15 very well be there. 16 Do you recall having notes of this 17 conversation? 18 A. Yes. 19 Q. Okay. Now back -- 20 A. I'm sorry, in addition -- 21 Q. Yes. 22 A. A woman by the name of Miriam Bailey. 23 Q. Anyone else? 24 A. Miriam Bailey's boss. 25 Q. Dwight Kasperbauer?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 68</p> <p>1 September '98? 2 A. Yes. 3 Q. And where was the meeting held? 4 A. It was in our offices. 5 Q. Price Waterhouse offices? 6 A. It was the collective, "our offices." They 7 were separate at the time. I, you know, it might 8 have been the legacy Cooper offices, they were on 9 different floors. 10 Q. Were they all in the U.S. Steel 11 building? 12 A. Yes. 13 Q. As you understood it? 14 A. Yes. 15 Q. What do you recall about that 16 briefing? 17 A. I was briefed on the four issues. 18 Q. You were basically told, these were 19 the four issues to address? 20 A. The scope of the work, OMB circular 133, 21 and in connection with OMB circular 133 we needed 22 to address these four issues because the OMB 133 23 engagement, albeit having different reports, is 24 part and parcel with the audit engagement and, in a 25 sense, sits on top of the GAAP audited, the audited</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 67</p> <p>1 A. Thank you. Dwight Kasperbauer. 2 Q. Did you meet with Mr. Kirstein, or 3 only speak with him over the phone? 4 A. I only talked with him over the phone. 5 Q. The people you've mentioned 6 from AHERF, did you meet with all of them 7 face-to-face? 8 A. Yes, as well as on the phone. 9 Q. And we were discussing, then, your 10 scope of work and what it was that you did? 11 A. Uh hum. 12 Q. To help complete the tasks involved 13 in your scope of work. And we started by saying 14 you were briefed on the issues. 15 I presume that was by Mr. Hope or 16 was it by others? 17 A. It was Mr. Hope and others. 18 Q. And who were the others? 19 A. Well, again, Amy, Bill Buettner, Ben may or 20 may not have been there. At the initial meeting 21 Jeff Close was there. 22 Q. And was the initial meeting soon in 23 the time frame after you got to Pittsburgh? 24 A. Yes. 25 Q. In either late August or early</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 69</p> <p>1 GAAP financial statements. 2 So we needed to resolve and address 3 these issues in order to be able to finalize the 4 133 procedures. 5 Q. Do you recall anything else about 6 the meeting that anybody said? 7 A. No. 8 Q. Do you recall any discussion at that 9 meeting, or at any other meeting, about a protocol 10 for how to conduct your interviews? 11 A. No. 12 Q. Do you recall anyone giving you any 13 instructions about whether to take notes or not to 14 take notes in your interviews? 15 A. No. 16 Q. Do you recall anyone telling you, 17 giving you any instructions at any time about 18 whether to keep or discard notes? 19 A. No. 20 Q. Did you follow your normal practice 21 as a part of your prior work with the company in 22 taking and maintaining notes as you went forward 23 with this work? 24 A. Whose normal practice? 25 Q. Yours.</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 178</p> <p>1 margin during the relevant two fiscal years?</p> <p>2 A. Yes, we were trying to get an understanding</p> <p>3 of, where's the data.</p> <p>4 Q. Do you recall anything more today</p> <p>5 about that meeting than what you've listed here?</p> <p>6 A. No.</p> <p>7 Q. I'm going to ask you to skip forward</p> <p>8 a few pages in your notes.</p> <p>9 A. (Referring to document.)</p> <p>10 Q. To page, in Exhibit 4188, to page</p> <p>11 X 25800, which in Exhibit 1063 is?</p> <p>12 A. X 25800?</p> <p>13 Q. Yes.</p> <p>14 A. Al Adamczak?</p> <p>15 Q. Yes.</p> <p>16 A. Okay.</p> <p>17 Q. Which in Exhibit 1063 is CL 147599.</p> <p>18 A. (Referring to document.)</p> <p>19 Q. And Mr. Adamczak you knew to be</p> <p>20 employed at the time in the finance department at</p> <p>21 AHERF; is that right?</p> <p>22 A. Yes.</p> <p>23 Q. And this, these two pages of notes,</p> <p>24 X 25800 to X 25801, are notes of meeting you held</p> <p>25 with him on October 14, 1998; is that right?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 180</p> <p>1 Q. All right. And that reflects his</p> <p>2 sharing with you a change in job responsibilities,</p> <p>3 as you recall it?</p> <p>4 A. Yes.</p> <p>5 Q. Do you recall more formally what</p> <p>6 that change was, from that conversation?</p> <p>7 A. I do not.</p> <p>8 Q. Do you recall now that an individual</p> <p>9 named Stephen Spargo formally had a role in the</p> <p>10 finance department, but had left the enterprise?</p> <p>11 A. That name is familiar.</p> <p>12 Q. All right. But the actual movement</p> <p>13 of jobs or people filling jobs is not coming back</p> <p>14 to you; is that right?</p> <p>15 A. No, but what does come back to me is we're</p> <p>16 meeting with Al to talk about the reserves. And I</p> <p>17 think Al is alerting us that, for your information,</p> <p>18 I took on this job on these hospitals in July</p> <p>19 of '97.</p> <p>20 Q. All right. And you did this day,</p> <p>21 like you did in the meetings with Mr. Cancelmi and</p> <p>22 Ms. Shaffer, your best to accurately reflect the</p> <p>23 conversations that you had in your notes; is that</p> <p>24 fair?</p> <p>25 MR.BARRON: Objection to the form.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 179</p> <p>1 A. Yes.</p> <p>2 Q. Was anyone else in attendance</p> <p>3 besides the two of you that day?</p> <p>4 A. Yes.</p> <p>5 Q. Who else?</p> <p>6 A. I believe D. Suarez was at that meeting.</p> <p>7 Q. Okay, do you know where D. Suarez is</p> <p>8 today?</p> <p>9 A. I don't.</p> <p>10 Q. All right. And I meant by way of</p> <p>11 employment, not by way of personal residence.</p> <p>12 Do you know either?</p> <p>13 A. I know either?</p> <p>14 Q. You don't?</p> <p>15 A. Or do I know neither? I do not know. I</p> <p>16 don't know where she's at, where she works, where</p> <p>17 she lives.</p> <p>18 Q. Perfect. Let me ask you this:</p> <p>19 You didn't write her name down; is</p> <p>20 that right?</p> <p>21 A. I did not.</p> <p>22 Q. Can you read for me, after the words</p> <p>23 "10/14/98" and "Al Adamczak," the first line?</p> <p>24 A. "Indicated he did not take responsibility</p> <p>25 of east hospitals until 7/97."</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 181</p> <p>1 A. Yes.</p> <p>2 Q. Thank you. The next line, the next</p> <p>3 sentence rather, or two, could you read for us?</p> <p>4 A. "Indicated a decision was made at a closing</p> <p>5 meeting that 1996 AR reserve was \$30 million under</p> <p>6 reserved and to take it in over three years, done</p> <p>7 at a closing meeting, all hands including C&L."</p> <p>8 Q. And that's, again, a comment that Al</p> <p>9 Adamczak conveyed to you and Ms. Suarez, if she was</p> <p>10 there?</p> <p>11 A. Yes.</p> <p>12 Q. Had you been aware of that before?</p> <p>13 A. I hadn't.</p> <p>14 Q. All right. Did that concern you?</p> <p>15 A. It did.</p> <p>16 Q. And why is that?</p> <p>17 A. Because Al is indicating that their best</p> <p>18 estimate at the time is about a \$30 million</p> <p>19 shortfall, which is something different than what</p> <p>20 Dan Cancelmi is indicating is the shortfall. It's</p> <p>21 a substantially different dollar amount.</p> <p>22 Q. And the '96 you mentioned is fiscal</p> <p>23 year '96; correct?</p> <p>24 A. Yes.</p> <p>25 Q. And the closing meeting you refer to</p>

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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 182</p> <p>1 you understood to be a year end audit closing 2 meeting; is that correct? 3 MR.BARRON: Objection to the form. 4 A. He mentioned it was a closing meeting. I 5 don't know which closing meeting it was for. 6 Q. All right. "AR," though, meant to 7 you "accounts receivable," as it has been used in 8 other sets of notes; correct? 9 A. Yes. 10 Q. What did you understand -- strike 11 that. 12 Did he tell you he, himself, was at 13 the meeting, the closing meeting, or do you recall? 14 A. He indicated he was at the meeting. 15 Q. Who did he indicate from C&L was at 16 the meeting? 17 A. I don't -- I don't remember specifically, 18 but it would have included one or all of Buettner, 19 Kirstein and Frazier. 20 Q. All right. 21 A. What I would refer to as "the management 22 team," maybe one, maybe all three. 23 Q. The management team for the 24 Coopers & Lybrand engagement? 25 A. Yes.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 184</p> <p>1 A. "Reclass of \$50 million of reserves was 2 originally introduced by Dan Cancelmi to Mark 3 Kirstein, who indicated he thought it was okay, but 4 wanted to run it up the flag poll." 5 Q. This again is Al sharing his 6 recollections with you and perhaps Ms. Suarez? 7 A. Yes. 8 Q. Did you have any response to that 9 comment? 10 A. The reaction again is I have another, yet 11 another inconsistency, between members of 12 management of AHERF of who knew about the 13 \$50 million and when and who introduced the idea. 14 Dan's indicating that the whole 99 15 is Bill's idea. And here Al's recollection is the 16 only reclass he recalls hearing of is \$50 million 17 and, in fact, it was Dan's idea. 18 So now I'm getting different 19 stories, different numbers, from different people. 20 Facts that seem to be different than what Bill and 21 Amy are explaining to Mel and I, the restatement 22 team, as to what was expressed to them during the 23 audit. 24 Q. Did you say any of that to 25 Mr. Adamczak in the meeting on 10/14/98?</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 183</p> <p>1 Q. Thank you. Did you share this 2 comment or this -- what you took away from these 3 comments, with anyone on the engagement team of 4 which you were a part in 1998? 5 A. I don't, I don't remember. 6 Q. All right. 7 A. I don't remember. 8 Q. So I take it, then, that you don't 9 remember anybody's reaction to what Mr. Adamczak 10 said? 11 A. No, no, I just I don't recall. 12 Q. All right. And the next, can you 13 read the next sentence for us? 14 A. "Indicated '96 shortfall was thought to be 15 \$30 million in '96, it was not until '97 that he 16 heard of shortfall of \$50, \$70 and \$99 million." 17 Q. And this, again, was Al speaking and 18 you doing your best to accurately reflect what he 19 said? 20 A. Yes. 21 Q. Did he tell you how he learned of 22 these different numbers in '97, if you can recall? 23 A. I don't recall. 24 Q. All right. Can you read the next 25 sentence?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 185</p> <p>1 A. I don't recall. 2 Q. All right. Do you recall anything 3 that you did say to him about this statement, about 4 Mr. Cancelmi talking with Mr. Kirstein who, in 5 turn, would run the \$50 million idea up a flag 6 poll? 7 A. I don't recall. 8 Q. Did you talk with anybody on the 9 former C&L engagement team about Mr. Adamczak's 10 statement that a closing meeting, including C&L 11 representatives, in '96 reflected a \$30 million -- 12 people talked about a \$30 million under reservation 13 and taking it in over three years? 14 A. I don't remember. 15 MR.BARRON: Objection, objection to 16 the question. 17 Q. You don't remember? 18 A. I don't recall. 19 Q. Do you recall talking or, I think I 20 asked you this, but forgive me, talking about this 21 fact or revelation with anybody on the 22 PricewaterhouseCoopers engagement team in '98? 23 MR.BARRON: Objection. 24 A. I don't recall. 25 Q. So you don't know, as you sit here</p>

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DEPOSITION ERRATA SHEET

RE: THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED CREDITORS OF
ALLEGHENY HEALTH, EDUCATION AND RESEARCH FOUNDATION
VS. PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS, L.L.P.

I, Robert J. Cepielik, wish to make the following amendments, additions, deletions or corrections to my deposition given on January 9, 2004, for the following reasons. I have signed my name to the errata sheet and authorize you to attach it to the original transcript.

<u>Page/Line #</u>	<u>Amendment</u>	<u>Reason for Change</u>
25:6	Insert "my" before "recollection"	Error
89:15	"sends" should read "send"	Error
106:20	"neatly" should read "neat"	Error
107:15	"A" should read "Q"	Error
117:1	"W/L" should read "W/O"	Error
148:5	"snow" should read "know"	Error
166:23	Insert "an" before "hour"	Clarification
192:8	"it was" should read "they were"	Clarification
197:3	"none" should read "non"	Error
197:20 & 197:24	"inconsolidation" should read "in consolidation"	Error
238:8	"was" should read "because"	Clarification
243:25	Delete "go"	Error
245:11	"conferred" should read "confer"	Error
249:23-24	Sentence should read, "So it is a component of the roll forward."	Clarification
266:4	Insert "I" before "got"	Error
277:5	"answer" should read "repeat"	Error
296:24	Insert "was" before "put"	Clarification
307:17	"role" should read "roll"	Error

344:10

"tenant" should read "Tenent"

Error

In all other respects, the transcript is true and correct.

Robert A. Cepielik
Signature

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of March 2004.

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